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1932	40	Thornton, Col. T. A., C.V.O., Brockhall, Northampton.
1932	41	Vincent-Gompertz, F., Esq., C.I.E., Glendon Hall, Kettering.
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1945	43	Wake, Major Hereward, M.C., Courteenhall, Northampton.
1954	44	Wyatt, O. E. P., Esq., M.C., M.A., Maidwell Hall, Northampton.

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† *Trustee of the Superannuation Fund.*

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1865-1870	William Smyth, Esq.	Very Revd. Lord Alwyne Compton, D.D.
1870-1879	The 6th Duke of Grafton	Very Revd. Lord Alwyne Compton, D.D.
1879-1881	The 6th Duke of Grafton	The Revd. Maze W. Gregory
1881-1893	The 4th Marquess of Northampton, K.G.	The Revd. Maze W. Gregory
1893-1896	The 4th Marquess of Northampton, K.G.	Christopher Smyth, Esq.
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1938-1949	Sir Kenneth Murchison	The 6th Lord Braye
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Mr. F. W. Wagland.

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Miss A. M. McClure.

Miss E. T. Webb.

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Mr. R. Smith.

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(Ladies)*

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Miss E. Dallas.

Miss B. Bishop

Miss J. Bell.

Mrs. D. Bowler-Court
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(Gentlemen)*

Mr. N. Parsons-Jones.

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Rev. E. M. Phillips.

Rev. H. T. Wigley, B.A.

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Accountant :

Mr. P. Gibson, F.A.C.C.A.

Clerk :

Mr. A. G. Heritage.

Steward :

Mr. H. R. Jones.

AT THE General Stated Annual Court of Governors

Held on the 24th day of February, 1956.

The Annual Reports of the Committee of Management, the Medical Superintendent, and the Chaplains, and Audited Accounts for the year 1955 were laid before the Court.

And it was resolved :—

That the above-named reports and accounts be approved and adopted and that such reports be published ; also that the reports of the Commissioners of the Board of Control be printed therewith.

It was resolved :—

1. That the thanks of this Court be presented to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Management, for the very valuable services they have rendered to the hospital during the past year.

2. That the thanks of this Court be presented to the Noblemen, Ladies and Gentlemen composing the Committee of Management, for their very valuable services during the year.

3. That the thanks of this Court be given to the Officers of the hospital, for their care and attention in carrying on the work of the past year.

The following annual appointments were made :—

1. A Committee of Management.
2. A Finance Sub-Committee.
3. A Farm and Grounds Sub-Committee.
4. Furnishing and Decoration Sub-Committee.
5. A Treasurer.
6. Auditors.

THE REPORT OF

The Committee of Management

FOR THE YEAR 1955.

The Committee of Management present to the Governors their Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1955.

During this period, eleven meetings of the Committee of Management were held with an average attendance of nine members. The Finance Sub-Committee met on thirteen occasions, and the Farm and Grounds Sub-Committee on eleven occasions.

The Committee regret to report the death of Lord Hesketh on June 10th. He had been a Governor of the hospital since 1945, and it is sad to record his passing at such an early age. We are sorry to report, also, the death of Major J. L. Cross on August 23rd. He had been a Governor of the hospital since 1930, a member of the Committee of Management since 1939, and was also a very valued member of the Farm and Grounds Sub-Committee. For some time prior to his death he was prevented by illness from taking an active part in the work of the hospital, but he maintained a keen interest in our activities and in the welfare of the patients and staff. We all miss him very much.

The number of patients admitted to the hospital in 1955 was 504—of whom 391 were voluntary patients and 8 were temporary patients. The total average daily number of patients (voluntary, temporary and certified) was 547. The deaths during the year numbered 67—the average age at death being 74.02 years. The percentage of deaths to the total number of patients under treatment was 6.36.

Throughout the summer months, 152 patients visited Bryn-y-Neuadd, Llanfairfechan, North Wales, for periods of from one to four months. The Hall, Annexe and Villas are kept open during the winter and, at the present time, 87 patients are resident there. The average daily number of patients resident at Bryn-y-Neuadd during the year was 82. Dr. M. R. Mackay resigned his appointment as Resident Medical Officer at Bryn-y-Neuadd in May, and the Committee are grateful to him for his services during the past twelve years. Dr. H. T. Kirkland was appointed to fill the vacancy and, as stated in our last report, a new bungalow is being built for his use. It is hoped that this will be completed in the near future.

As in previous years, assistance has been given from the charitable funds of the hospital to enable many patients to remain here whose

relatives were unable to meet the cost of maintenance. Assistance has been rendered, also, so that certain patients might be admitted whose relatives could not afford the ordinary fees. We regret to report, however, that the cost of maintaining a patient in the hospital has risen steadily from year to year, and it is quite impossible for the Committee to be as generous in making grants as in the past. Each application, therefore, is given the most careful consideration, and every effort is made to help cases of a deserving nature.

For many years occupational therapy has been a feature of the treatment at this hospital, and much good work was done in this department during 1955. Evidence of the excellent results obtained was available at the annual Exhibition of Arts and Crafts which was held at the hospital, as usual, in November last. Those members of the Committee who visited the exhibition, were much interested in the work displayed, and were impressed by the high standard of the articles exhibited by the patients. Some of the patients continue to prefer to work out of doors whenever possible, and there are ample facilities available to meet their needs.

The Committee regret to report that, owing to a heavy increase in the cost of running the hospital during the year, it may be necessary to raise the fees for the maintenance of patients. No action will be taken in the matter until the audited accounts for the year are to hand, and if an increase cannot be obviated the Governors may rest assured that it will be kept as low as possible. As you know, it is our policy to avoid such increases if at all practicable and, when the fees have been raised in the past, this has been forced upon us invariably by circumstances beyond our control.

The main item which has received the consideration of the Committee during recent months, relates to the hospital boiler plant and steam services. On the suggestion of the Medical Superintendent, it was decided to have plans prepared for a new building on the ladies' side which would provide much needed additional accommodation, together with a new library. Before any further steps were taken, however, we were advised by the hospital Engineer that the present boiler plant was inadequate to provide heating, etc., for any proposed new building. Various schemes for obtaining additional steam have been considered, and recently a consultant engineer has been appointed to advise the Committee on the matter. He has submitted various reports, and it is hoped that his recommendations will enable the new building to be erected without heavy additional expenditure on the boiler plant.

In the report for the year 1954, reference was made to the management of the farm at Moulton Park. We are glad to report that much good progress has been made there, and we should like to

congratulate the Farm and Grounds Sub-Committee and Mr. L. S. Northen on the outstanding results which have been obtained. Authority has been given during the year for the building of additional accommodation for pigs, which will enable the herd to be enlarged to more economic proportions. A certain amount of land belonging to the farm has been sold during 1955, and negotiations are now in progress for a further sale for building purposes.

The Medical Superintendent advised the Committee some six months ago that additional accommodation was required for domestic staff and, to help in this direction, another house in Cliftonville has been purchased.

The Committee are sure that the Governors will be pleased to know that arrangements have been made for members of the staff, with long service, to be presented with gold wrist watches on their retirement. Eight such watches were presented at the meeting held in December, and there is no doubt as to the pleasure which these gave to the recipients.

In conclusion, we desire to express our thanks to Dr. Tennent, the Medical Superintendent, to Dr. O'Connell, Deputy Medical Superintendent, to the other medical officers and officers in charge of the various departments, and to all other members of the staff for their services to the hospital throughout the year.

F. V. L. ROBINSON,

February, 1956.

Chairman.

THE REPORT OF The Medical Superintendent FOR THE YEAR 1955.

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL,
NORTHAMPTON.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my annual report for the year 1955.

The year under review has been one of the busiest in the history of the hospital and, throughout the whole period, we have been working to capacity. This has resulted in much thought being given as to whether or not additional accommodation should be provided. It would be relatively easy to do so on the ladies' side by an extension to join Wards 1 and 4, and this is under consideration. A decision, however, is made more difficult by virtue of the fact that it may entail structural alterations to the heating system, which are also under investigation.

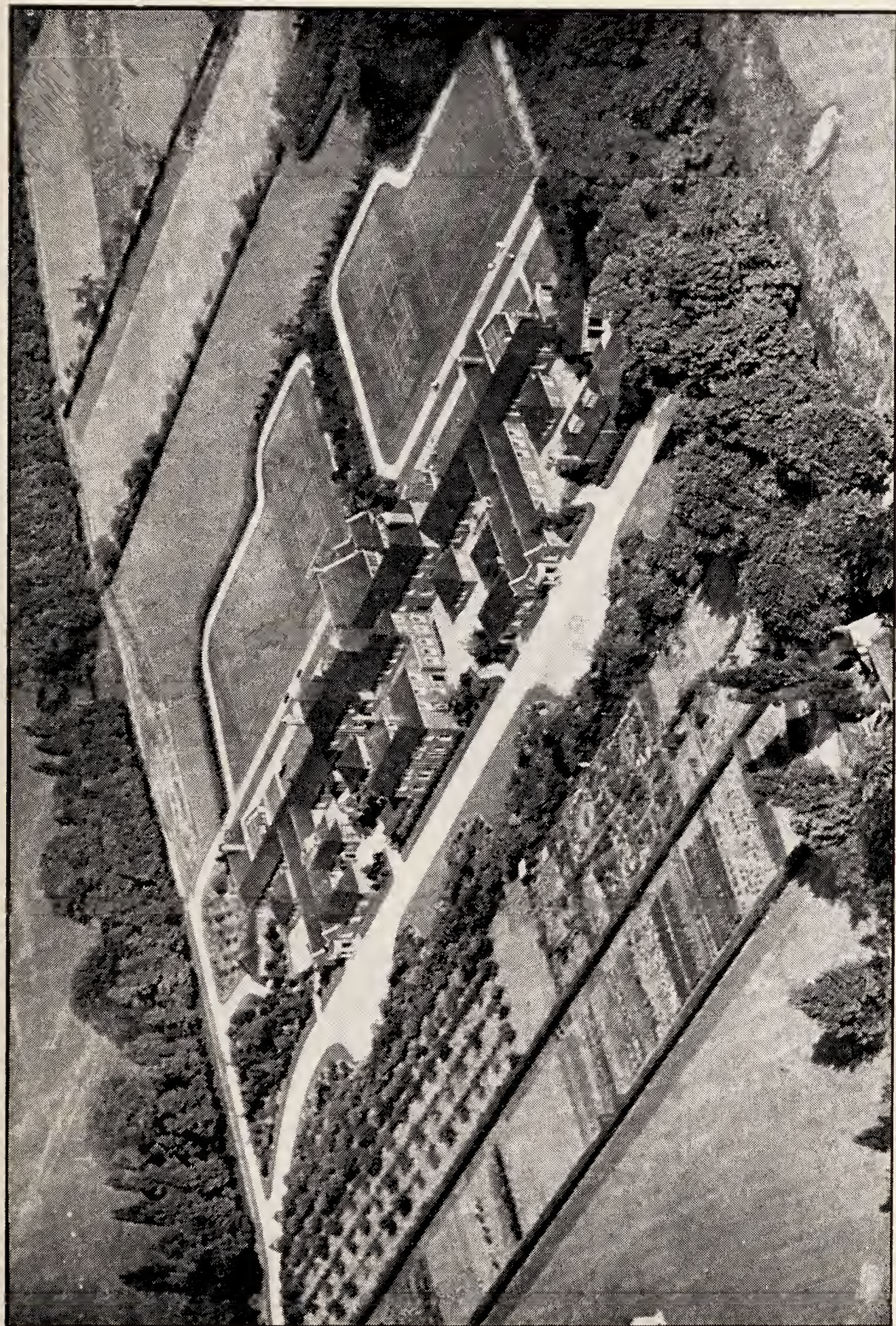
It becomes increasingly apparent that the hospital enjoys a widespread reputation, and that patients come from far and near. Air facilities have made transport from abroad much simpler, and it is interesting to record that patients from fifteen different countries were admitted during the year.

The Oxford Regional Hospital Board continue to avail themselves of the beds that have been placed at their disposal here, and no difficulties have arisen from this arrangement.

The numbers of patients on the books of the hospital on 1st January, 1955, were :—

		<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Gentlemen</i>	<i>Total</i>
Voluntary patients	... .	128	85	213
Temporary patients	... .	3	1	4
Certified patients	... .	196	136	332
TOTALS ...		327	222	549

The number of admissions during the year was 504. Of these, 391—236 ladies and 155 gentlemen—were voluntary patients ; 8—5 ladies and 3 gentlemen—were temporary patients, and 105—70 ladies and 35 gentlemen—were certified patients. Twenty-one of the patients were transferred from other hospitals. The total



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number, 504, does not include 23 patients who were already in the hospital and were regraded.

Three hundred and eighty-three voluntary patients—235 ladies and 148 gentlemen—have been discharged. Six temporary patients—2 ladies and 4 gentlemen—and 58 certified patients—36 ladies and 22 gentlemen—have also been discharged. Fourteen patients—11 ladies and 3 gentlemen—were transferred to other hospitals. During the year, 2 voluntary patients and 2 temporary patients were certified, and one temporary patient and 17 certified patients became voluntary patients. One certified patient was made a temporary patient. Sixty-seven patients—41 ladies and 26 gentlemen—have died. Of these, 27—12 ladies and 15 gentlemen—were voluntary patients, 2—one lady and one gentleman—were temporary patients, and 38—28 ladies and 10 gentlemen—were certified patients. Post-mortem examinations were held in 11 cases.

The total number of patients under treatment during the year was :—

			<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Gentlemen</i>	<i>Total</i>
Voluntary patients	...	...	364	240	604
Temporary patients	...	...	8	4	12
Certified patients	...	...	266	171	437
TOTALS ...			638	415	1,053

The average daily number of voluntary patients resident during the year was 213—128 ladies and 85 gentlemen ; the average daily number of temporary patients was 3—2 ladies and one gentleman, and that of the certified patients was 331—199 ladies and 132 gentlemen.

The numbers remaining on 31st December, 1955, were :—

			<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Gentlemen</i>	<i>Total</i>
Voluntary patients	...	...	125	85	210
Temporary patients	...	...	2	—	2
Certified patients	...	...	197	130	327
TOTALS ...			324	215	539

During the year, 105 patients—72 ladies and 33 gentlemen—who were admitted had been previously under treatment in this hospital. Of these, 93 were voluntary patients, one was a temporary patient and 11 were certified patients.

The average age at death of the 67 patients was 74.02 years. Fifty-five of the deaths occurred in patients of 65 years and upwards ; 48 of these were aged 70 years and upwards, of whom 31 were 80 years of age and over.

In my last report, I referred to the alterations made to the two villas—"Oaklands" and "Eagle House"—in order that they might operate as one unit. This work has now been completed and a new heating system has been provided for both villas. Hand basins have been installed in the bedrooms, and "Eagle House" is being completely redecorated. A few months ago, another villa in this area was purchased and has been given the name of "Kingswood". The house was in an excellent state of repair and no redecorations were required. It was necessary, however, to install a heating system and this work is now in hand.

Extensive redecorations have been completed in Ward 1 on the ladies' side and in the corresponding ward on the gentlemen's side. Built-in wardrobes, hand basins, bedside lockers and wooden beds have been provided in all of the bedrooms. The staff quarters in the centre block have been redecorated, and steam heating has been installed. A quotation by an outside contractor has been accepted for the redecoration of Wards 4 and 5 on the ladies' side and the canteen. This work has now been commenced. In the main kitchen, a new boiler has been fitted and certain other alterations have been carried out.

A new scialytic light and single track travelling rail have been ordered for the operating theatre at Wantage House. Two new electrically heated food trolleys have been purchased for this unit, and the water softening plant has been renewed.

Much re-surfacing of the roads in the hospital grounds has been carried out during the year. This was done by hospital labour with satisfactory results. The lighting in the grounds has been greatly improved by the installation of more modern and powerful equipment.

A quotation was accepted a few months ago for the re-surfacing of two hard tennis courts. This work has now been completed. The surface is of a more permanent type and requires little attention. A quotation has been accepted, also, for the modernization of the hospital cinematograph equipment, so that more up-to-date types of films may be shown. Arrangements have been made for this work to be carried out in the near future.

In the chapel in the hospital grounds, new frontals have been provided for the altar, and it is hoped that the alterations to the lighting system will soon be completed. In order to meet the wishes of a number of patients, arrangements have been made for Free Church services to be held in the chapel once a month.

In my last report, I mentioned that plans for a new bungalow for the Resident Medical Officer at Bryn-y-Neuadd, Llanfairfechan, were under consideration. Since that date, a quotation by Messrs. R. J. Burr & Partner, of Bangor, has been accepted, and considerable

progress with the work has been made. It is hoped that we shall obtain possession of the house within the next few months. A quotation by the same firm for the rebuilding of the peach house at Bryn-y-Neuadd has been accepted. In the main hall there, considerable redecoration has been carried out and quotations for further work of this nature are being obtained. A new electrically heated food trolley has been provided. A new Ferguson Diesel tractor, together with implements, has been purchased for the gardens at Bryn-y-Neuadd and is proving most useful.

One of the villas on the Moulton Park Estate—"Red House"—is now being used as a hostel for students in Occupational Therapy. Repairs have been carried out to the roofs of the buildings at Shepherds Farm.

As you are aware, plans were prepared early in the year for a new unit on the ladies' side, which included a library. A decision regarding this matter was postponed on receipt of a report from the Engineer to the effect that the boiler plant was working at its maximum capacity, and that it would be impossible to supply any extensions to buildings with the existing equipment. This problem is now under consideration and the advice of consultant engineers has been taken.

MOULTON PARK :—

Therapeutic facilities of an occupational nature on the farm at Moulton Park, which covers some 600 acres, continue to be of considerable value. This is particularly noticeable in those patients who have gone to the villas there to convalesce after active treatment in other parts of the hospital. Efforts are made to provide the patients with the forms of occupation in which they are interested, and the staff have achieved considerable success in this direction. Some of the patients who are here for longer periods derive much enjoyment from these outdoor activities, which include general farming, work in the dairy, market gardening, fruit growing, poultry keeping, etc. Many patients volunteered to assist in the work of harvesting and fruit picking. The average number of patients of both sexes resident in the villas on the estate during the year was 37.

I am glad to report that the changes in the management of the farm continue to prove very satisfactory. Even allowing for the improved farming conditions of the past year, the results reflect great credit on those responsible.

BRYN-Y-NEUADD :—

Holiday parties of patients visited our Seaside Home at Bryn-y-Neuadd, Llanfairfechan, North Wales, from May to September, and 152 patients of both sexes enjoyed the benefit of a holiday there for

periods of one to four months. The railway strike synchronized with the times for changing one of the parties, and this proved to be impossible to arrange. Consequently, the number of patients who benefited from this holiday was somewhat reduced on previous years. Some of these patients were in the convalescent stage of their illness, and this was completed at the seaside before they returned to their homes. There is no doubt as to the beneficial effect of such holidays, both for convalescent patients and for others who have been in hospital for a number of years. I am of the opinion that the amenities available at Bryn-y-Neuadd have helped materially to maintain a high standard of health throughout the hospital. The weather during the holiday season this year was excellent, and sea bathing, as in the past, was very popular. Full use was made, also, of the opportunities offered for tennis, bowls, cricket, walks on the estate and in the surrounding countryside. Motor coach excursions were arranged throughout the summer, and the hospital motor car was used to take patients for individual drives to various beauty spots in the neighbourhood.

The facilities for occupational therapy have been extended since the appointment of a full-time therapist towards the end of 1950. Further extensions are contemplated in the near future, and these will be very much appreciated by the patients resident there during the winter months. As in the past, a large number of patients from Bryn-y-Neuadd exhibited work at the annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition held at Northampton, and the high standard of their work was evidence of the value of the occupational therapy department at Bryn-y-Neuadd. Television continues to be a source of great pleasure to the patients, especially during the winter evenings, as are also the cinematograph entertainments which are a regular winter feature. As in the past, the Hall, Annexe and Villas have been occupied during the winter months and, at the present time, 87 patients are resident there. The average daily number of patients resident during the year was 82.

OUTDOOR GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS :—

Patients continue to enjoy the many outdoor games and amusements for which provision is made here throughout the year. These include cricket, tennis and bowls during the summer and football and hockey in the winter. Most of the matches arranged were with outside teams but, in addition, many house matches were played. These were organized by Captain H. Garratt, the Director of Physical Training, and were much enjoyed by those taking part. Every effort is made to interest patients in all forms of sport and to encourage them to participate. I am grateful to all of the members of the staff concerned in these arrangements. In addition, the hospital tennis courts and sports ground are used from time to time by the Northamptonshire County Tennis and Hockey Associations.



MALE OCCUPATIONAL DEPARTMENT

There is no doubt as to the entertainment value of these matches, which were much enjoyed by the patients. A hockey match of particular interest this year was that played on October 13th between a team of ladies from the United States of America and the Ladies' Midland Counties Team.

During the spring, summer and autumn the tennis courts, both hard and grass, were in continuous use, and the services of the tennis professional, Mr. E. E. Blincow, for coaching were again available. This opportunity for private tuition was much appreciated by the patients and staff. Many patients make full use of the nine-hole golf course, and every effort is made to keep this in good condition. Mr. W. H. Cann, professional to the Northamptonshire County Golf Club, visits once a week to give lessons, and many patients and staff have made use of his services. Competitions were arranged regularly throughout the summer. Parties of patients also visited sporting events in the vicinity, including association football, rugby football and county cricket matches. These expeditions are welcomed by the patients and are, I am sure, a pleasant change from the general routine of the hospital. The annual sports were held at the end of June and the weather, once again, was kind. All of the events were keenly contested and were much enjoyed by all.

During the summer, the local swimming baths were reserved for our use on one morning each week as in previous years. A large number of patients attended, and swimming lessons were given by the Director of Physical Training. These outings have once again proved most popular, and I am grateful for the facilities that were afforded to us.

INDOOR PASTIMES :—

It has always been the policy of the hospital to arrange as many forms of indoor recreational activity as possible, especially for those patients who are entirely dependent on the hospital for their entertainment. It is, of course, no easy matter to cater for a wide variety of tastes and for patients in varying stages of their illness but, at the same time, some form of entertainment is available each day. A detailed list is given at the end of this report, which includes dances, cinema entertainments, plays, concerts, parties by the students in occupational therapy, whist drives, bridge drives, table tennis, chess matches, billiards and snooker matches, choral classes, etc. The choral classes, held each week throughout the winter months for both ladies and gentlemen, were under the direction of Mr. Cyril Davis—the Musical Director. The members of these classes produced the usual Café Chantants with great success. From time to time, Mr. Davis has given organ recitals in the hospital chapel, which have given pleasure to all. He also gives lessons on the piano, or on the organ in the chapel, when requested.

It is a matter for regret that the number of members of the Hospital Dramatic Society had fallen very low at the beginning of the year and, after much consideration, it was decided that it was impossible to present a three-act play as has been done for many years past. However, three one-act plays were produced in December, and I am pleased to say that several of the new members who joined the Society during the year, acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. We all hope that they will continue in this very useful activity.

At Christmas, a group of patients—both ladies and gentlemen—gave a full length entertainment, which was produced by Miss E. Dallas, the Deputy Director of Training in Occupational Therapy. The programme consisted of sketches, dances, mimes and singing, with an introduction to each scene written and spoken by a patient. The entertainment culminated in the singing of carols in a nativity setting. The costumes, scenery and properties were all made by the patients themselves over a period of some months. The enthusiasm shown was very great, and the performance was enjoyed as much by the players as by the audience of patients and staff.

WANTAGE HOUSE :—

It has been difficult to meet the demand for admission to this special unit during the year under review. As you know, facilities are available here for the complete investigation of all patients and for the administration of whatever treatment is considered advisable. As has been said before, there is no specific form of therapy for any one type of illness, and it is necessary to have a complete picture of the problem before treatment can be prescribed. It is known, of course, that certain symptoms respond more favourably to particular therapeutic measures, but the end result is dependent invariably upon such additional methods, convulsive, hypoglycæmic, occupational, recreational and psychotherapeutic which are available. These play no small part in the final rehabilitation of the patient, and this is particularly evident in post-operative care. During the year, 315 patients were admitted to the unit, of whom no less than 262 were on a voluntary basis.

Treatment by insulin and by convulsive therapy, electrically induced, are in regular use—either in combination or by themselves. During the year, 67 patients were treated by insulin and, of these, 47 were able to return home. In the main hospital, 12 patients were treated by this method, of whom 9 were able to return home. Of 177 patients treated by convulsive therapy at Wantage House and 108 at the main hospital, 193 were able to return home. Some of the patients at Wantage House were treated by convulsive therapy, electrically induced, and insulin combined. There are, of course, certain dangers attached to each of these treatments, but



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LIGHT METAL DEPARTMENT



DESIGN DEPARTMENT

we have found that, in experienced hands, the degree of risk is not very great. Almost invariably a relaxant drug has been used to diminish the degree of muscular spasm associated with convulsive therapy, and this renders the treatment much more acceptable to the patient. At the same time, and this is very important, it increases the range of therapeutic activity. It is not possible, of course, to form any conclusions from the figures given above as to the relative merits of each form of treatment, as they are used invariably in different types of illness.

The operation of prefrontal leucotomy is carried out only in those patients who have failed to remain well after either insulin and/or convulsive therapy, and only in very exceptional circumstances have we departed from this rule. During 1955, 16 prefrontal leucotomies were performed here by Mr. Wylie McKissock, F.R.C.S., our consulting neuro-surgeon, of which 5 were of the rostral type. Of the patients operated upon this year, 10 have been able to return home. Some of the others have shown a considerable degree of improvement, which has enabled them to enjoy the amenities which are provided here, even though they are not yet well enough to leave hospital altogether.

During 1955, nine patients suffering from delirium tremens, due to chronic alcoholism, were treated in Wantage House with massive doses of vitamins B and C administered intravenously. One to three injections of a solution containing 1,000 mgms. thiamine, 200 mgms. each of nicotinamide and pyridoxine, and 1,500 mgms. of ascorbic acid were given. Improvement was frequently apparent within an hour or two; confusion and hallucinations disappeared within twelve to forty-eight hours. This compares favourably with the usual duration of five days. There were no deaths in this small series. As the mortality from cardiovascular collapse, exhaustion and other intercurrent infections increases with the duration of the delirium, the risk of death may well have been markedly reduced in these cases.

OCCUPATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL THERAPY :—

At the end of the year there were 64 students in training—a record number. This was due to the fact that all of the students who commenced their training in 1953 have remained for the third year, and that the intake in 1955 was increased to 25. The third year students are completing their dual qualification under the old syllabus—19 of them having gained the Psychological Diploma with a total of 7 distinctions and 23 credits, while 17 had special mention in their craft examinations. Twelve students completed the dual qualification during the year. Nineteen second year students have taken Group 1 examination under the new syllabus, and it is hoped that the results will be known in the near future. Residential

accommodation is provided for all students during the first two years of training and, as mentioned earlier in this report, "Red House"—a villa at Moulton Park—has been made available for certain third year students.

Arrangements for clinical practice in the physical field have continued as in previous years. We are very grateful to the Management Committees of the various hospitals who have allowed us to send students for this very vital part of their training.

The Committee of Management have continued to grant scholarships of £80 per annum during the second year of training to those students who, in my opinion, require financial assistance in completing their studies.

Through the kindness of The Earl Spencer, we were privileged during the year to have an illustrated talk on embroidery by Mrs. Neild from the Royal School of Needlework. The examples which she showed will be an inspiration to all who saw them.

The students, assisted by members of the staff, have continued to organize parties, whist drives, entertainments and tennis tournaments for the patients, and this year patients have taken a more active part in these affairs. At a party just before Easter, a group of patients performed a sketch and a dance mime, in costumes made in the occupational therapy workshops. Hockey matches were played as usual, and this year two tennis matches were arranged. The students much enjoyed their annual dance and they organized other dances in the town. At the end of the summer term, the second year students gave an impromptu entertainment, written and produced by themselves. Owing to a change of examination dates, the school was unable to give its usual entertainment at Christmas, but it is hoped that it will be possible to do this early in the spring.

We were unfortunate at the Open Day in that the late Bishop of Coventry, who was to have preached at the end of term service, was seriously ill. However, he sent an excellent substitute in Brother Ronald, who gave a most inspiring address. Miss Barbara Stow kindly presented the prizes.

During the year, the school suffered a sad blow in the death of Mrs. Thomas, the Hostel Warden, after a long illness. She had endeared herself to many generations of students and is sadly missed. Miss Woodall was appointed to fill the vacancy and took up residence for the autumn term. Miss Barbara Bishop resigned her appointment on marriage, and we were sorry to lose her services.

Captain Garratt continues in charge of physical recreation on the gentlemen's side, and on the ladies' side this work is supervised by Mrs. K. C. Latto, one of the senior representatives of the Central

Council of Physical Recreation, assisted by the students in occupational therapy. As an adjunct to other therapeutic methods, there is no doubt as to the value of physical recreation, and in no instance is this more obvious than by the results obtained in patients suffering from chronic forms of illness. I am most grateful to both of them for their help in this department.

The annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition was held in November, and the entries included carpentry, basket work, leather work, glove making, toy making, book binding, metal work, felt work, stool seating, many types of embroidery, knitting, weaving, painting, drawing and photography. Mrs. T. A. Thornton very kindly judged the work and we are most grateful to her. Arrangements were made for the exhibition to remain open until November 30th, in order that the members of the Committee of Management might have the opportunity of seeing the range of work done. I am sure that those who visited the exhibition were impressed by the high standard of the exhibits.

Certain patients, both ladies and gentlemen, prefer to work out of doors, and facilities are available for them to cultivate their own gardens. Others have been employed on the golf course, cricket field or bowling greens, and are given every opportunity to extend their interests in this way.

HYDROTHERAPEUTIC DEPARTMENT :—

Although this form of treatment has been largely superseded by other physical methods, it remains in my opinion extremely valuable in the alleviation of certain symptoms and diminishes, to a large extent, the necessity for the employment of sedative measures. The form most frequently used is that of the continuous bath, but the others available have been utilized when indicated.

RADIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT :—

In the period under review, 1,001 investigations were made and 2,766 radiographs were taken. The routine initial examination continues to include stereoscopic examination of the skull for possible sinus infection. X-ray examination of the spinal column is made before and after convulsive therapy, and dental X-ray examinations are carried out as and when recommended by the dental surgeon. Other investigations during the year included X-ray of the chest in 183 patients and staff, of the alimentary tract in 19 patients, of the urinary tract in 14 patients, and of the gall bladder in 17 patients.

MASSAGE AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT :—

The electrocardiographic apparatus continues to be of considerable assistance, and 53 cardiograms were made during the year. Before

treatment by insulin, investigations are carried out as a routine measure and also before convulsive therapy is instituted in older patients. Artificial sunlight and infra-red rays are the other methods employed, and altogether 232 treatments were given in this department. Massage treatment is given by Mrs. G. C. Shaw when recommended, and her services have been most valuable.

OPERATING THEATRE :—

During the year, 23 major and 12 minor operations were performed. Of these, 16 were prefrontal leucotomies and the others were of a general surgical nature.

LABORATORY :—

Special and routine clinical pathology, as well as biopsy and post-mortem investigations, continue to be under the direction of Dr. T. McLardy, whose own neuropathological and neuroanatomical research work this year involved use of the reconditioned animal house. Two scientific papers have been published in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, and others are in press and under preparation. At the First International Meeting of Neurobiologists, Dr. McLardy read a paper on fibre tracts in the brain stem, and demonstrated combined nerve cell and fibre staining of histological sections from brains of monkeys serially sectioned in tri-orthogonally rotated planes—a new research tool which he has developed here.

During 1955, the clinico-pathological tests carried out numbered 7,493, the morbid anatomical diagnoses required numbered 19, and the diagnostic and research histological preparations made numbered 2,635. The increased demands have tended to be for the more time-consuming tests, notably bacteriological work involved in testing organisms for sensitivity to antibiotics. The gross figures may be broken down as follows :—

BLOOD CHEMICAL EXAMINATIONS :

Bromide	...	...	...	...	...	469
Urea	...	...	...	...	...	539
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	39
Glucose tolerance test	...	...	...	...	...	57
Insulin tolerance test	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cholesterol	...	...	...	...	...	19
Bilirubin	...	...	...	...	...	34
Phosphatase	...	...	...	...	...	34
Thymol turbidity reaction	...	...	...	...	...	84
Plasma protein	...	...	...	...	...	84
Serum iron	...	...	...	...	...	165
Calcium	...	...	...	...	...	7
Miscellaneous special examinations	...	...	...	...	...	37



THE CHAPEL FROM THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS



AN AVENUE IN THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS

HÆMATOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS :

Cell count	...	...	...	...	677
Differential cell count	...	...	...	...	143
Hæmoglobin	...	...	...	...	645
Blood group determination	...	...	...	...	19
Sedimentation rate	...	...	...	...	587
Agglutination test	...	...	...	...	10
Meinicke reaction	...	...	...	...	502
Kahn reaction	...	...	...	...	497
Prothrombin	...	...	...	...	16
Miscellaneous special examinations	...	...	...	...	10

CEREBRO-SPINAL FLUID EXAMINATIONS :

General examination	...	...	...	...	107
Kahn reaction	...	...	...	...	23
Iron determination	...	...	...	...	231

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS :

Alimentary tract	...	...	...	...	646
Respiratory tract	...	...	...	...	68
Urogenital tract	...	...	...	...	82
Pus	...	...	...	...	22
Blood	...	...	...	...	7
Cerebro-spinal fluid	...	...	...	...	1
Milk, water, etc.	...	...	...	...	11

OTHER CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS :

Urine	...	...	...	...	1,473
Fractional test meal	...	...	...	...	9
Gastric fluid	...	...	...	...	18
Urea clearance test	...	...	...	...	2
Bromosulphthalein test	...	...	...	...	6
Fæces (chemical and microscopical)	...	...	...	...	99
Basal metabolic rate	...	...	...	...	12

MORBID ANATOMY :

Autopsies	...	...	...	...	11
Biopsies	...	...	...	...	8

HISTOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS :

Microscope slides, general	...	...	...	503
Microscope slides, neurological	...	...	...	2,132

OFFICIAL VISITORS :

Dr. F. J. M. Campbell and Mr. J. C. Rawlinson, Commissioners of the Board of Control, visited the hospital during the year, and Mr. Rawlinson visited Bryn-y-Neuadd, Llanfairfechan. All of the Chancery Patients were seen by the Lord Chancellor's Visitors.

STAFF :—

Our efforts to recruit nurses, both male and female, have been unceasing throughout the year, and I wish that I could report more success in this direction. The female nurses from Jamaica continue to be of great value to us, but I am sorry to record that the male students whom we obtained from Nigeria, after much correspondence, have proved most disappointing. Nine were engaged, of whom only one remains in the service of the hospital. The others did not attempt to pursue their training, and it would appear doubtful if such was ever their intention. We have, however, transferred our recruiting efforts to another British Colony, and can but hope that the results will be more encouraging. The examination successes of members of the nursing staff during the year have been reasonably good. Their success has been due in no small measure to the labours of the medical staff and Miss M. Burcher, the Sister Tutor, for which I am most grateful.

I should like, once again, to record my sincere thanks to the Matron, the Chief Male Nurse, and to all members of the nursing staff for the high standard they have continued to maintain throughout the hospital, in spite of many difficulties. The success which has attended our efforts and the happiness of the patients, reflect the sympathy, tact and nursing care displayed by all.

Dr. M. R. Mackay left in June, 1955, having completed twelve years' useful service as Resident Medical Officer at Bryn-y-Neuadd. We wish him well in his retirement. He was succeeded by Dr. H. T. Kirkland, formerly Medical Superintendent of Highcroft Hall Hospital, Birmingham. The only other change in the medical staff was the appointment of Dr. P. Hays as Junior Medical Officer. Dr. D. J. O'Connell continues as my deputy, and Dr. T. McLardy, Dr. H. de B. Warren, Dr. J. L. Jeffries, Dr. I. E. J. McLauchlan and Dr. A. L. G. Smith—in addition to Dr. H. T. Kirkland and Dr. P. Hays mentioned above—are the other members of the medical staff. I readily acknowledge my indebtedness to my medical colleagues and to the other officers and heads of departments for their continued help, and should like to record my gratitude to all of them.

The following members of the staff retired on pension during the year : Miss L. M. Weston (Housekeeper), Mr. C. R. Hawker (Charge Male Nurse), Miss E. R. Dipper (Cook), Mr. W. G. Hall (Painter), Mr. L. Rickerd (Chief Night Male Nurse), Mr. H. Hakes (Deputy Chef), Mr. H. Hillyer (Male Nurse), Miss E. M. Stokes (Domestic Supervisor) and Mr. W. G. Cave (Laundry Worker). Of these, 4 had completed over forty years' and 4 over twenty-five years' faithful and loyal service to the hospital. They will all be missed and the gaps they have left will be difficult to fill. We hope that they will have many years in which to enjoy their retirement. A

wise decision was made by the Committee of Management during the year to make a presentation to members of the staff on their retirement on pension. Apart from any pecuniary gain, the knowledge that you have recognized the part they have played in the work of the hospital has been much appreciated.

I am sorry to report that two Governors—Lord Hesketh and Major J. L. Cross—died during the year. Lord Hesketh was appointed a Governor in 1945 and attended the meetings with regularity. He had a great interest in the work of the hospital and we all regret his passing so early in life. Major J. L. Cross became a Governor in 1930, was appointed a member of the Committee of Management in 1939, and also served on the Farm and Grounds Sub-Committee for many years. He was most diligent in his attendance at the meetings until overcome by physical infirmity. He retained a profound interest in the welfare of both patients and staff, and we shall miss him very much.

Finally, I should like to express my gratitude to the Governors of the hospital, to the Committee of Management and to the Chairman—Sir Frederick V. L. Robinson, Bart.—for the support and encouragement which they have given to me at all times.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. TENNENT,

January, 1956.

Medical Superintendent.

List of Entertainments, 1955.

- Jan. 3—Table Tennis Competition.
 „ 4—House Football Match.
 „ 5—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 6—Snooker Match *v.* Mr. Wareing's team.
 „ 6—Cinema—"Innocents in Paris," News, etc.
 „ 7—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 7—Cinema—"Innocents in Paris," News, etc.
 „ 8—Party to Football Match.
 „ 10—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 11—House Football Match.
 „ 11—Whist Drive.
 „ 12—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 12—Choral Class.
 „ 13—Table Tennis Competition.
 „ 13—Snooker Match *v.* St. Edmund's Conservative Association.
 „ 13—Cinema—"Dream Wife," News, etc.
 „ 14—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 14—Cinema—"Dream Wife," News, etc.
 „ 15—Hockey Match *v.* Coventry.
 „ 15—Party to Football Match.
 „ 17—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 18—House Football Match.
 „ 18—Whist Drive.
 „ 19—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 19—Choral Class.
 „ 20—Table Tennis Competition.
 „ 20—Snooker Match *v.* Mr. Worrall's team.
 „ 20—Cinema—"Captain's Paradise," News, etc.
 „ 20—Annual Staff Dance.
 „ 21—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 21—Cinema—"Captain's Paradise," News, etc.
 „ 22—Hockey Match *v.* Enigmas.
 „ 24—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 25—House Football Match.
 „ 25—Whist Drive.
 „ 26—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 26—Choral Class.
 „ 27—Table Tennis Competition.
 „ 27—Snooker Match *v.* Fanciers Club.
 „ 27—Cinema—"Road to Singapore," News, etc.
 „ 28—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 28—Cinema—"Road to Singapore," News, etc.
 „ 29—House Hockey Match.
 „ 31—Occupational Therapy School Party.
- Feb. 1—House Football Match.
 „ 1—Whist Drive.
 „ 2—Table Tennis Competition—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 2—Choral Class.
 „ 3—Cinema—"Story of Three Loves," News, etc.
 „ 4—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 4—Cinema—"Story of Three Loves," News, etc.
 „ 5—Hockey Match *v.* Eaglets.
 „ 5—Party to Football Match.

- Feb. 7—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 8—House Football Match.
 „ 8—Whist Drive.
 „ 9—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 9—Choral Class.
 „ 10—Cinema—“ Treasure Island,” News, etc.
 „ 10—Snooker Match *v.* Mr. Worrall’s Team.
 „ 11—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 11—Cinema—“ Treasure Island,” News, etc.
 „ 12—Hockey Match *v.* Northampton School for Girls “ A ”.
 „ 14—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 15—House Football Match.
 „ 15—Whist Drive.
 „ 16—Table Tennis Competition—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 16—Choral Class.
 „ 17—Cinema—“ Lilli,” News, etc.
 „ 17—Snooker Match *v.* Whitworth Road Club.
 „ 18—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 18—Cinema—“ Lilli,” News, etc.
 „ 19—Hockey Match *v.* Earls Barton.
 „ 19—Party to Football Match.
 „ 21—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 22—House Football Match.
 „ 22—Whist Drive.
 „ 23—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 23—Choral Class.
 „ 24—Cinema—“ Isn’t Life Wonderful,” News, etc.
 „ 24—Snooker Match *v.* Fanciers Club.
 „ 25—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 25—Cinema—“ Isn’t Life Wonderful,” News, etc.
- Mar. 1—Whist Drive.
 „ 2—Table Tennis Competition, Inter-ward, Main Hospital—Gentlemen.
 „ 2—Choral Class.
 „ 3—Cinema—“ Eddie Cantor Story,” News, etc.
 „ 3—Snooker Match *v.* Queen’s Park W.M.C.
 „ 4—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 4—Cinema—“ Eddie Cantor Story,” News, etc.
 „ 5—Ladies’ County Hockey Match *v.* Bedford College of Physical Education.
 „ 5—Party to Football Match.
 „ 7—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 8—Whist Drive.
 „ 9—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 9—Choral Class.
 „ 10—Cinema—“ Alf’s Baby,” News, etc.
 „ 10—Snooker Match *v.* Central Y.M.C.A.
 „ 11—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 11—Cinema—“ Alf’s Baby,” News, etc.
 „ 12—Men’s County Hockey Match *v.* Staffordshire.
 „ 14—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 15—Whist Drive.
 „ 16—Table Tennis Competition. Main Hospital *v.* Wantage House—Gentlemen.
 „ 16—Choral Class.
 „ 17—Cinema—“ Thunder Boy,” News, etc.
 „ 17—Snooker Match *v.* Kingsley Park W.M.C.
 „ 18—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 18—Cinema—“ Thunder Boy,” News, etc.
 „ 19—Party to Football Match.

- Mar. 19—Hockey Match *v.* Grasshoppers.
 „ 21—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 22—Whist Drive.
 „ 23—Golf—Mixed Foursomes. Main Hospital *v.* Wantage House.
 „ 23—Café Chantant.
 „ 24—Cinema—“ Those People Next Door,” News, etc.
 „ 24—Snooker Match *v.* Abington Church Institute.
 „ 25—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 25—Cinema—“ Those People Next Door,” News, etc.
 „ 26—Hockey Match *v.* Crick.
 „ 28—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 29—Whist Drive.
 „ 30—Table Tennis Competition. Ladies *v.* Gentlemen, Main Hospital.
 „ 30—Choral Class.

- April 1—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 2—Ladies' County Hockey Match—2nd XI *v.* Hertfordshire.
 „ 4—Table Tennis. Inter-ward Competition, Gentlemen.
 „ 5—Whist Drive.
 „ 6—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 9—Party to Football Match.
 „ 11—Party to Football Match.
 „ 12—Table Tennis. Inter-ward Competition, Gentlemen.
 „ 12—Whist Drive.
 „ 13—Golf—Mixed Foursomes, Main Hospital *v.* Wantage House.
 „ 14—Cinema—“ Shane,” News, etc.
 „ 15—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 15—Cinema—“ Shane,” News, etc.
 „ 15—Cricket Practice.
 „ 19—Golf Putting Competition.
 „ 19—Whist Drive.
 „ 20—Cricket Practice.
 „ 21—Cinema—“ The Three Caballeros,” News, etc.
 „ 22—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 22—Cinema—“ The Three Caballeros,” News, etc.
 „ 22—Cricket Practice.
 „ 23—Cricket Match *v.* Leicester Ivanhoe C.C.
 „ 26—House Cricket Match.
 „ 26—Whist Drive.
 „ 27—Golf—Mixed Foursomes, Main Hospital *v.* Wantage House.
 „ 27—Cricket Practice.
 „ 28—Cinema—“ Trouble in Store,” News, etc.
 „ 29—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 29—Cinema—“ Trouble in Store,” News, etc.
 „ 29—Cricket Practice.
 „ 30—Cricket Match *v.* East Park C.C.

- May 2 Tennis.
 „ 3—House Cricket Match.
 „ 4—Tennis.
 „ 4—Party of Ladies returned from Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 4—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 4—Cricket Practice.
 „ 5—First Party of Ladies went to Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 5—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 5—Royal School of Needlework Lecture.
 „ 5—Cinema—“ The Moonlighter,” News, etc.
 „ 6—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 6—Cinema—“ The Moonlighter,” News, etc.
 „ 6—Cricket Practice.



GOLF COURSE, THIRD GREEN (looking West)

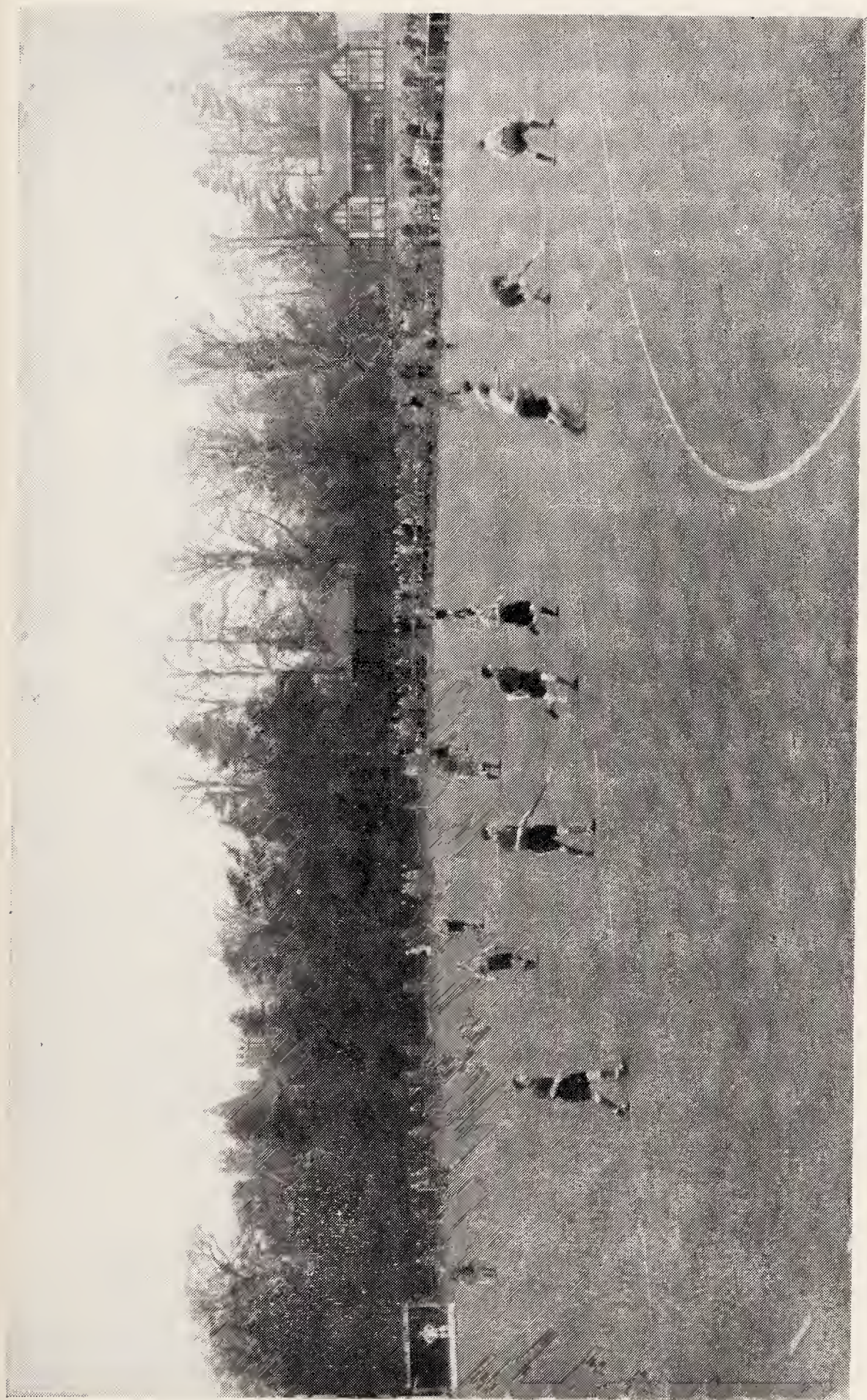


TENNIS COURTS

- May 7—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 7—Cricket Match *v.* Compton C.C.
 „ 9—Tennis.
 „ 10—House Cricket Match.
 „ 11—Tennis.
 „ 11—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 11—Cricket Practice.
 „ 12—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 12—Bowls Practice—Gentlemen.
 „ 13—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 13—Cricket Practice.
 „ 14—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 14—Men's County Tennis Trials.
 „ 14—Cricket Match *v.* Rugby Town C.C.
 „ 16—Tennis.
 „ 17—House Cricket Match.
 „ 18—Tennis.
 „ 18—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 18—Cricket Practice.
 „ 19—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 19—Cinema—"Abbott and Costello meet Captain Kidd," News, etc.
 „ 20 Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 20—Cinema—"Abbott and Costello meet Captain Kidd," News, etc.
 „ 20—Cricket Practice.
 „ 21—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 21—Cricket Match *v.* Vallence C.C.
 „ 23—Golf Putting Competition.
 „ 23—Tennis.
 „ 24—House Cricket Match.
 „ 25—Tennis Drive.
 „ 25—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 25—Cricket Practice.
 „ 26—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 26—Bowls Practice—Gentlemen.
 „ 27—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 27—Cricket Practice.
 „ 28—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 28—Cricket Match *v.* Market Harborough C.C.
 „ 30—Tennis.
 „ 31—Bowls Practice.

- June 1—Party of Ladies returned from Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 1—Tennis.
 „ 2—Second Party of Ladies went to Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 2—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 2—Bowls Practice—Gentlemen.
 „ 3—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 3—Cricket Practice.
 „ 3—Bowls Match *v.* St. Crispin Hospital.
 „ 4—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 4—Cricket Match *v.* Clarence C.C.
 „ 6—Athletics Practice.
 „ 6—Tennis.
 „ 7—House Cricket Match.
 „ 7—Bowls Match *v.* Earls Barton.
 „ 8—Tennis.
 „ 8—Cricket Practice.
 „ 9—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 9—Clock Golf Competition.
 „ 10—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.

- June 10—Cricket Practice.
 „ 10—Bowls Match *v.* Whitworth Road Club.
 „ 11—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 11—Ladies' County Tennis Match *v.* Warwickshire.
 „ 11—Cricket Match *v.* Old Northamptonians C.C.
 „ 13—Athletics Practice.
 „ 13—Tennis.
 „ 14—House Cricket Match.
 „ 14—Bowls Match *v.* Northampton Brewery Company.
 „ 15—Tennis.
 „ 15—Cricket Practice.
 „ 16—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 16—Bowls Practice—Gentlemen.
 „ 16—Golf Match *v.* Medical Golfing Society.
 „ 17—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 17—Cricket Practice.
 „ 17—Bowls Match *v.* Enterprise.
 „ 18—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 18—Cricket Match *v.* Prims. X.L.C.R.
 „ 18—Men's County Tennis Match *v.* Nottinghamshire.
 „ 20—Athletics Practice.
 „ 20—Tennis.
 „ 21—House Cricket Match.
 „ 21—Bowls Match *v.* Mount Pleasant.
 „ 22—Tennis.
 „ 22—Cricket Practice.
 „ 23—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 24—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 24—Cricket Practice.
 „ 24—Bowls Match *v.* Birdsall's.
 „ 25—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 25—Cricket Match *v.* Leicester City C.C.
 „ 25—Northampton Hospitals' Staff Tennis Competition.
 „ 27—Annual Sports.
 „ 28—House Cricket Match.
 „ 28—Bowls Match *v.* Brington.
 „ 29—Party of Ladies returned from Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 29—Tennis.
 „ 29—Cricket Practice.
 „ 30—Third Party of Ladies went to Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 30—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
- July 1 Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 1—Cricket Practice.
 „ 1—Bowls Match *v.* Manfield & Sons.
 „ 2—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 2—Cricket Match *v.* Delapre C.C.
 „ 4—Tennis.
 „ 4—Bowls Match *v.* St. Crispin Hospital.
 „ 5—Golf Knock-out Competition—Gentlemen.
 „ 5—Bowls Match *v.* Express Lifts.
 „ 6—Tennis.
 „ 6—Cricket Practice.
 „ 7—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 8—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 8—Cricket Practice.
 „ 8—Bowls Match *v.* Abington Church Institute.
 „ 9—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 9—Cricket Match *v.* Rugby B.T.H.
 „ 9—Men's County Tennis Match *v.* Leicestershire.



SPORTS GROUND—INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TRIAL

July 11—Tennis.
 „ 12—House Cricket Match.
 „ 12—Bowls Match *v.* West End.
 „ 13—Tennis.
 „ 13—Cricket Practice.
 „ 14—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 15—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 15—Cricket Practice.
 „ 15—Bowls Match *v.* Abington.
 „ 16—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 16—Cricket Match *v.* Delapre C.C.
 „ 18—Tennis.
 „ 19—House Cricket Match.
 „ 19—Bowls Match *v.* Victorians.
 „ 20—Tennis.
 „ 20—Cricket Practice.
 „ 21—Tennis with the Professional—Mr. E. E. Blincow.
 „ 21—Golf Match *v.* Medical Golfing Society.
 „ 22—Exhibition of Second Year Occupational Therapy Students' work.
 „ 22—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 22—Cricket Practice.
 „ 22—Bowls Match *v.* St. Michael's.
 „ 23—Swimming—Ladies and Gentlemen.
 „ 23—Cricket Match *v.* Temperance C.C.
 „ 25—Tennis.
 „ 26—Golf Putting Competition.
 „ 26—Cricket Practice.
 „ 26—Bowls Match *v.* Whyte Melville.
 „ 27—Tennis.
 „ 28—Party of Ladies returned from Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 28—First Party of Gentlemen went to Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 29—Cricket Practice.
 „ 30—House Bowls Match.

Aug. 1—Tennis.
 „ 2—House Bowls Match.
 „ 3—Tennis.
 „ 5—Party to Golf.
 „ 5—Cricket Practice.
 „ 6—Bowls Practice.
 „ 8—Tennis.
 „ 9—House Bowls Match.
 „ 10—Tennis.
 „ 12—Party to Golf.
 „ 13—Bowls Practice.
 „ 15—Tennis.
 „ 16—House Bowls Match.
 „ 17—Tennis.
 „ 19—Party to Golf.
 „ 19—Cricket Practice.
 „ 20—Bowls Practice.
 „ 22—Tennis.
 „ 23—House Bowls Match.
 „ 24—Tennis.
 „ 25—First Party of Gentlemen returned from Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 25—Second Party of Gentlemen went to Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 26—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 27—Cricket Match *v.* Eagle Sports, Warwick.
 „ 29—Tennis.
 „ 30—Bowls Practice.

Aug. 31—Tennis.

Sept. 1—Party to Football Match.
 „ 2—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 3—Party to Football Match.
 „ 5—Tennis.
 „ 6—Party to Golf.
 „ 7—Tennis.
 „ 9—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 10—Party to Football Match.
 „ 12—Tennis.
 „ 13—Golf Putting Competition.
 „ 14—Tennis.
 „ 16—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 17—Party to Football Match.
 „ 19—Tennis.
 „ 20—Golf Putting Competition.
 „ 21—Tennis.
 „ 22—Party of Gentlemen returned from Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 22—Party of Ladies went to Bryn-y-Neuadd Hall.
 „ 23—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 24—Party to Football Match.
 „ 26—Tennis.
 „ 27—House Football Match.
 „ 28—Tennis.
 „ 29—Golf Putting Competition.
 „ 30—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.

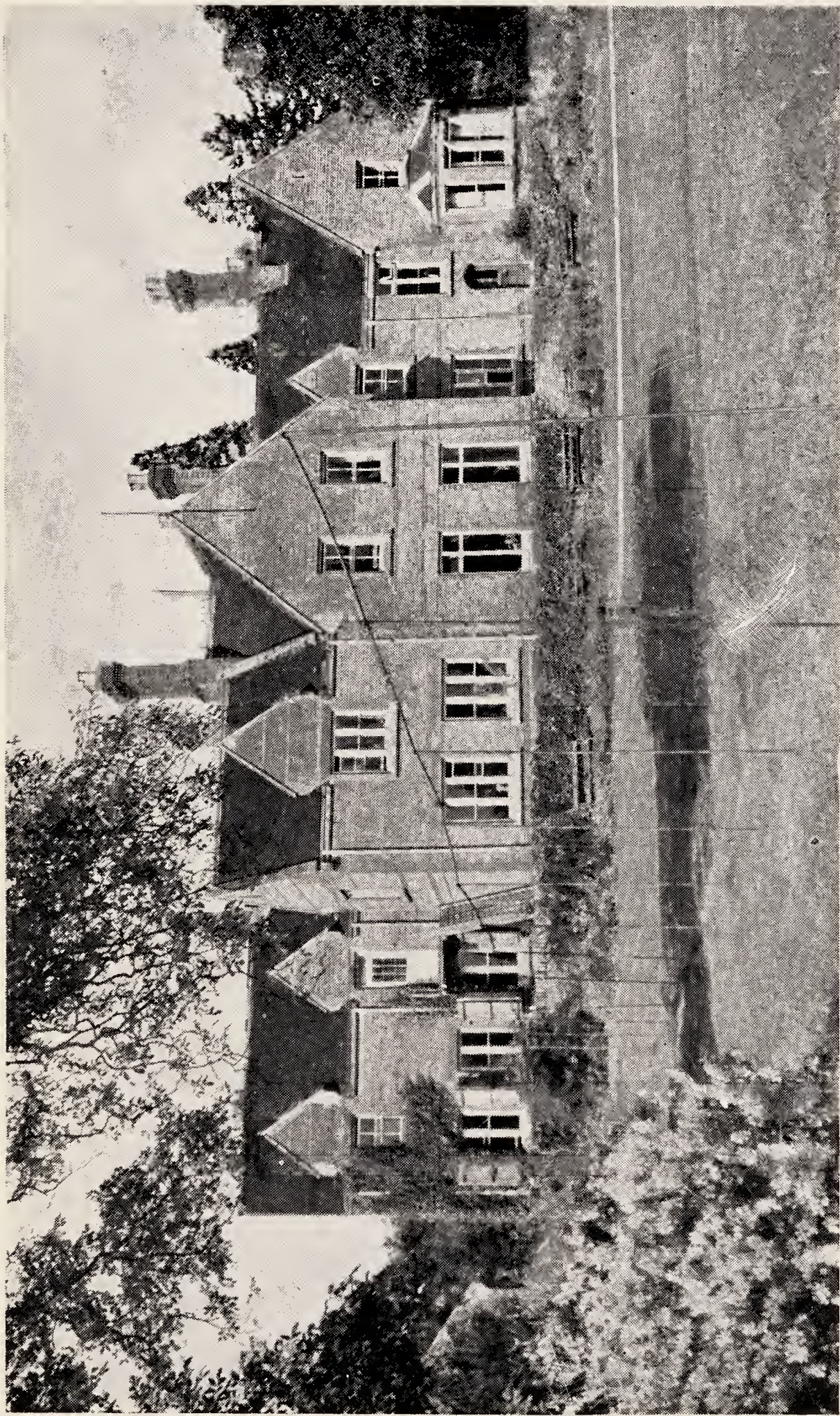
Oct. 1—Hockey Match *v.* Eaglets.
 „ 3—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 4—House Football Match.
 „ 4—Whist Drive.
 „ 5—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 5—Choral Class.
 „ 6—Cinema—“ Reluctant Heroes,” News, etc.
 „ 6—Snooker Match *v.* Mr. Worrall’s Team.
 „ 7—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 7—Cinema—“ Reluctant Heroes,” News, etc.
 „ 8—Party to Football Match.
 „ 8—Hockey Match *v.* Wellingborough Ladies.
 „ 10—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 11—House Football Match.
 „ 11—Whist Drive.
 „ 12—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 12—Choral Class.
 „ 13—Ladies’ Hockey Match—Midlands *v.* United States Team.
 „ 13—Cinema—“ Below the Sahara,” News, etc.
 „ 13—Snooker Match *v.* St. Edmund’s Conservative Association.
 „ 14—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 14—Cinema—“ Below the Sahara,” News, etc.
 „ 15—Ladies’ Final County Hockey Trial.
 „ 17—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 18—House Football Match.
 „ 18—Whist Drive.
 „ 19—Choral Class.
 „ 19—Golf Putting Competition.
 „ 20—Cinema—“ Cheaper by the Dozen,” News, etc.
 „ 20—Snooker Match *v.* Fanciers Club.
 „ 21—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 21—Cinema—“ Cheaper by the Dozen,” News, etc.



FARM HOUSE, MOULTON PARK FARM

- Oct. 22—Party to Football Match.
 „ 22—Hockey Match *v.* Thrapston Ladies.
 „ 24—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 25—House Football Match.
 „ 25—Whist Drive.
 „ 26—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 26—Choral Class.
 „ 27—Cinema—“ Executive Suite,” News, etc.
 „ 27—Snooker Match *v.* Queen’s Park Club.
 „ 28—Cinema—“ Executive Suite,” News, etc.
 „ 28—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 29—Hockey Match *v.* Crick Ladies.
 „ 31—Occupational Therapy School Party.
- Nov. 1—House Football Match.
 „ 1—Whist Drive.
 „ 2—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 2—Choral Class.
 „ 3—Snooker Match *v.* Kingsley Park W.M.C.
 „ 3—Cinema—“ Long, Long Trailer,” News, etc.
 „ 4—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 4—Cinema—“ Long, Long Trailer,” News, etc.
 „ 5—Party to Football Match.
 „ 5—Men’s County Hockey Match *v.* Nottinghamshire.
 „ 7—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 8—House Football Match.
 „ 8—Art Class.
 „ 8—Whist Drive.
 „ 9—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 9—Choral Class.
 „ 10—Table Tennis—Inter-ward Competition—Gentlemen.
 „ 10—Snooker Match *v.* Whitworth Road Club.
 „ 10—Cinema—“ Genevieve,” News, etc.
 „ 11—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 11—Cinema—“ Genevieve,” News, etc.
 „ 12—Ladies’ County Hockey Match—1st XI Practice Match.
 „ 14—Staff Snooker Handicap commenced.
 „ 15—House Football Match.
 „ 15—Art Class.
 „ 15—Whist Drive.
 „ 16—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 16—Choral Class.
 „ 17—Table Tennis—Inter-ward Competition.
 „ 17—Snooker Match *v.* Central Y.M.C.A.
 „ 17—Cinema—“ Heidi,” News, etc.
 „ 18—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 18—Cinema—“ Heidi,” News, etc.
 „ 19—Hockey Match *v.* Symington’s.
 „ 19—Party to Football Match.
 „ 21—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 22—House Football Match.
 „ 22—Art Class.
 „ 22—Whist Drive.
 „ 23—Arts and Crafts Exhibition.
 „ 23—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 23—Cinema—“ Ski-ing in Norway.”
 „ 24—Arts and Crafts Exhibition.
 „ 24—Cinema—“ The Stranger’s Hand,” News, etc.
 „ 25—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 25—Cinema—“ The Stranger’s Hand,” News, etc.

- Nov. 26—Hockey Match *v.* Enigmas.
 „ 28—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 29—House Football Match.
 „ 29—Art Class.
 „ 29—Whist Drive.
 „ 30—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 30—Choral Class.
- Dec. 1—Snooker Match *v.* St. Giles' W.M.C.
 „ 1—Cinema—“ Golden Ivory,” News, etc.
 „ 2—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 2—School of Occupational Therapy Annual Dance.
 „ 3—Party to Football Match.
 „ 3—Hockey Match *v.* Northampton School for Girls.
 „ 5—Dance—Arthur Smith and his Orchestra.
 „ 6—Art Class.
 „ 6—House Football Match.
 „ 6—Whist Drive.
 „ 7—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 7—Choral Class.
 „ 8—Table Tennis—Inter-ward Competition—Gentlemen.
 „ 8—Snooker Match *v.* Monk's Park Club.
 „ 8—Cinema—“ Sabrina Fair,” News, etc.
 „ 9—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 9—Cinema—“ Sabrina Fair,” News, etc.
 „ 10—Hockey Match *v.* Coventry Ladies.
 „ 10—Party to Football Match.
 „ 12—Occupational Therapy School Party.
 „ 13—Art Class.
 „ 13—House Football Match.
 „ 13—Whist Drive.
 „ 14—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 14—Choral Class.
 „ 16—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 16—Three One-Act Plays by the St. Andrew's Hospital Dramatic Society.
 „ 17—Party to Football Match.
 „ 17—Hockey Match *v.* Grasshoppers.
 „ 19—Snooker Match—Wantage House *v.* Main Hospital.
 „ 20—Art Class.
 „ 20—House Football Match.
 „ 20—“ All for Your Delight ”—an entertainment by patients.
 „ 21—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 22—Table Tennis—Inter-ward Competition—Gentlemen.
 „ 22—Cinema—“ Adventures of Robinson Crusoe,” News, etc.
 „ 23—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 23—Cinema—“ Adventures of Robinson Crusoe,” News, etc.
 „ 24—Nurses' Carol Party.
 „ 26—Patients' Tea Party in Recreational Hall.
 „ 28—Golf—Mixed Foursomes.
 „ 29—Cinema—“ The Kidnappers,” News, etc.
 „ 30—Golf with the Professional—Mr. W. H. Cann.
 „ 30—Cinema—“ The Kidnappers,” News, etc.
 „ 31—Party to Football Match.
 „ 31—New Year's Eve Dance.



LADIES' HOUSE, MOULTON PARK

General Table, showing the movement of the hospital population during the year 1955.

	VOLUNTARY PATIENTS						TEMPORARY PATIENTS						CERTIFIED PATIENTS					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
On the Hospital Registers, Jan. 1st, 1955	85	128	213										136	196	332			
Total cases admitted during the year ...	163	246	409				1	3	4	4	5	9	35	74	109			
Total cases under treatment during the year				248	374	622				5	8	13				171	270	441
Cases discharged or transferred during the year—																		
By regrading of status	—	2	2				—	3	3				9	9	18			
Recovered	67	120	187				2	2	4				8	10	18			
Relieved	59	89	148				1	—	1				11	14	25			
Not improved	22	26	48				1	—	1				3	12	15			
Died during the year	15	12	27				1	1	2				10	28	38			
Total cases discharged, transferred, and died during the year ...				163	249	412				5	6	11				41	73	114
On the Hospital Registers, Dec. 31st, 1955				85	125	210				—	2	2				130	197	327
Average daily number on the Registers during the year ...				85	128	213				1	2	3				132	199	331

The Reports of the Chaplains

FOR THE YEAR 1955.

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL,
NORTHAMPTON.
January, 1956.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year 1955.

Throughout the year, attendances at the Sunday services have been regular and remarkably steady. Attendances at the weekday services have considerably improved due, no doubt, to the restoration of the observance of the Kalendar Saints' Days. The total number of communions made during the year was 2,121, which shows an increase of 200 on the previous year and is, so far as I have been able to ascertain, a record number for St. Andrew's. In addition to the celebrations in chapel, there have been 16 ward celebrations and 72 sick communions. Two patients requested to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and one was presented at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, on December 8th; the other, on her own initiative, decided to withdraw. During the year I have officiated at 19 funerals and the Rev. W. H. Barnard, who took duty for me during my absence on holiday, officiated at two further cremations. The occasional use of the chapel for funeral services marks a new departure, which has won the gratitude of relatives of the deceased. A further innovation deserving of mention was the inauguration of a Free Church Service on the second Sunday in the month. These services, which began in October, have been conducted by the Rev. H. T. Wigley, B.A., of Park Avenue Methodist Church.

The year was marked by visits from three members of the Board of Governors. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese celebrated at the Choral Eucharist on Palm Sunday, April 3rd, and Rear-Admiral Sir Wellwood Maxwell kindly read the lessons at Sung Matins on Sunday, June 19th. Mrs. Thornton has also been present at the Sunday service on two or three occasions.

As Chaplain, I think the most satisfactory consequence of my work among the patients is the fact that I find myself being used by them more and more as time goes on, and this contributes not a little to the joy of being privileged to work here. Apart from the individual requests for interviews to which I endeavour, as far as possible, to give immediate attention, I make it my aim to visit each ward at least once a week. In addition, there is a weekly visit to Wantage House and occasional visits to the villas as circumstances require.

This report would be incomplete without some reference to the splendid work of Mr. Cyril Davis, the organist, and of the members of the choir. It is so much due to their concerted efforts that we are able to maintain the notable standard of reverent worship, and I beg leave to express my personal gratitude to them through the medium of this report. Reference should be made to three items in particular : the rendering of *The Everlasting Mercy*, a meditation on The Sacred Passion on Passion Sunday ; the Nine Carol Service on the Fourth Sunday in Advent, and to the regular organ recitals given after Evensong, usually on the last Sunday in the month.

I would also express my gratitude to the small band of patients who untiringly and devotedly attend to the altar flowers and linen, and to the cleaning of the sacred vessels and altar brass. No one can know so well as the priest how invaluable such helpers are in the orderly running of the church, so that it was with regret that on December 31st I had to accept the retirement of one gentleman who, after fifteen years' faithful service behind the scenes, felt that " it was getting too much for him ".

Turning now to my duties as Librarian, I am happy to report that during the year 3,124 books were issued to patients, an increase of approximately 500 on last year's figure. In addition we have circulated 130 volumes from Boots' Lending Library through the tokens which you so generously provide for the benefit of patients. The year has been marked by two generous gifts to the library. Early in the year, Mr. W. A. R. Collins presented a beautiful edition of the Classics, and these have been greatly in demand and are much appreciated by the patients. More recently, Messrs. Boots Ltd. made us a gift of 200 *ex libris* volumes, which were mostly fictional in character.

Of the £100 you so generously allocated to the library, I have spent £30 on fiction and biography, and it is my intention to utilize the balance in procuring still further supplies of all types of literature. Periodically through the year, the books at Wantage House and at the villas have been called in and exchanged for fresh supplies.

Finally, there remains to me a duty which is no mere formality. I sincerely desire to express my thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Tennent for much kindness shown to me and mine, my gratitude to Dr. O'Connell and the assistant doctors for their friendship and willing help and advice, and my warm thanks to Matron, the Chief Male Nurse, and all members of the staff for their unfailing and unstinted help throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. W. P. INGHAM,

Chaplain.

THE PRESBYTERY,
22 PARK AVENUE NORTH,
NORTHAMPTON.
January, 1956.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year 1955.

PATIENTS.

Twenty-five Roman Catholic patients were admitted during the year—19 ladies and 6 gentlemen. As in previous years, the patients were visited normally on Wednesday mornings. I have not, however, confined my visits to this day, partly owing to parochial duties, etc., and partly due to the fact that patients frequently receive treatment on Wednesdays. There are at present 25 Roman Catholic patients in the hospital and, of these, 16 are ladies and 9 are gentlemen.

STAFF.

There are at present 75 Roman Catholics on the staff and, as some more French nurses are expected, this number will probably be increased. These include Dr. O'Connell, Miss Burcher (the Sister Tutor), 5 nursing sisters and 40 nurses—including ten French girls, 6 male nurses, one of whom is a Frenchman and one an Austrian. On the domestic side there are 23, including the Chef.

SERVICES.

There has been no change in the times. Mass is said at 6.45 a.m. on Sundays and Holidays, and at 7.45 a.m. (preceded by confessions) on each Wednesday, except that there is no Wednesday Mass when a Holiday falls within the week. Ward 5 on the ladies' side remains our temporary chapel, and I would like to express my thanks to those members of the staff who so kindly arrange the altar and the chairs, and to one of the gentleman patients who, whenever possible, puts everything away afterwards.

In conclusion, I should like to say once again how very grateful I am to Dr. Tennent, Dr. O'Connell, Miss Skene, Mr. Cossins, and to all other members of the medical, nursing, secretarial and domestic staffs, for all their kindness and unfailing assistance, without which it would have been difficult for me to carry out my duties. I should also like to take this opportunity to say how happy I am when I meet the Rev. Ingham upon my rounds, and that I am grateful for his help and friendship.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ERIC MILES PHILLIPS,
R.C. Chaplain.

BRYN-Y-NEUADD,
 LLANFAIRFECHAN.
January, 1956.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year 1955 as Chaplain at Bryn-y-Neuadd.

My first word must be of appreciation of all the ready assistance I have received in my work from the Medical Officer and the staff, and of the way in which they have been ready at all times to meet my wishes in any matter that concerned my work with the patients. Both staff and patients, as much as they are able, have welcomed what services I have been able to give in a way that has given me much encouragement. The weekly services are well attended, and the response has been from time to time unexpected and rewarding. Holy Communion has been administered regularly, and I have found that patients look forward to it eagerly. Personal contact, too, has been rewarding and I may say, without being misunderstood, that my work at Bryn-y-Neuadd has given me some of the happiest experiences of my life.

I am more aware than ever of the trust given to me, and I am deeply appreciative of it and of this opportunity of sharing in the work which is done by St. Andrew's Hospital.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. M. EVANS,
Rector of Llanfairfechan.

THE REPORTS OF The Commissioners of the Board of Control.

FIRST VISIT

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL,
NORTHAMPTON.
April 20th, 1955.

To-day, the first statutory visit of the year was paid to this Registered Mental Hospital.

The patients here, in an environment carefully and skilfully arranged, enjoy the benefits of the most modern forms of treatment, as well as a very high standard of medical and nursing care.

All patients in residence were seen and many were spoken to. Six private interviews were given.

In residence to-day there are 192 gentlemen and 263 ladies. Of these, 257 are certified, 193 are voluntary. Two gentlemen and 3 ladies are on temporary certificates.

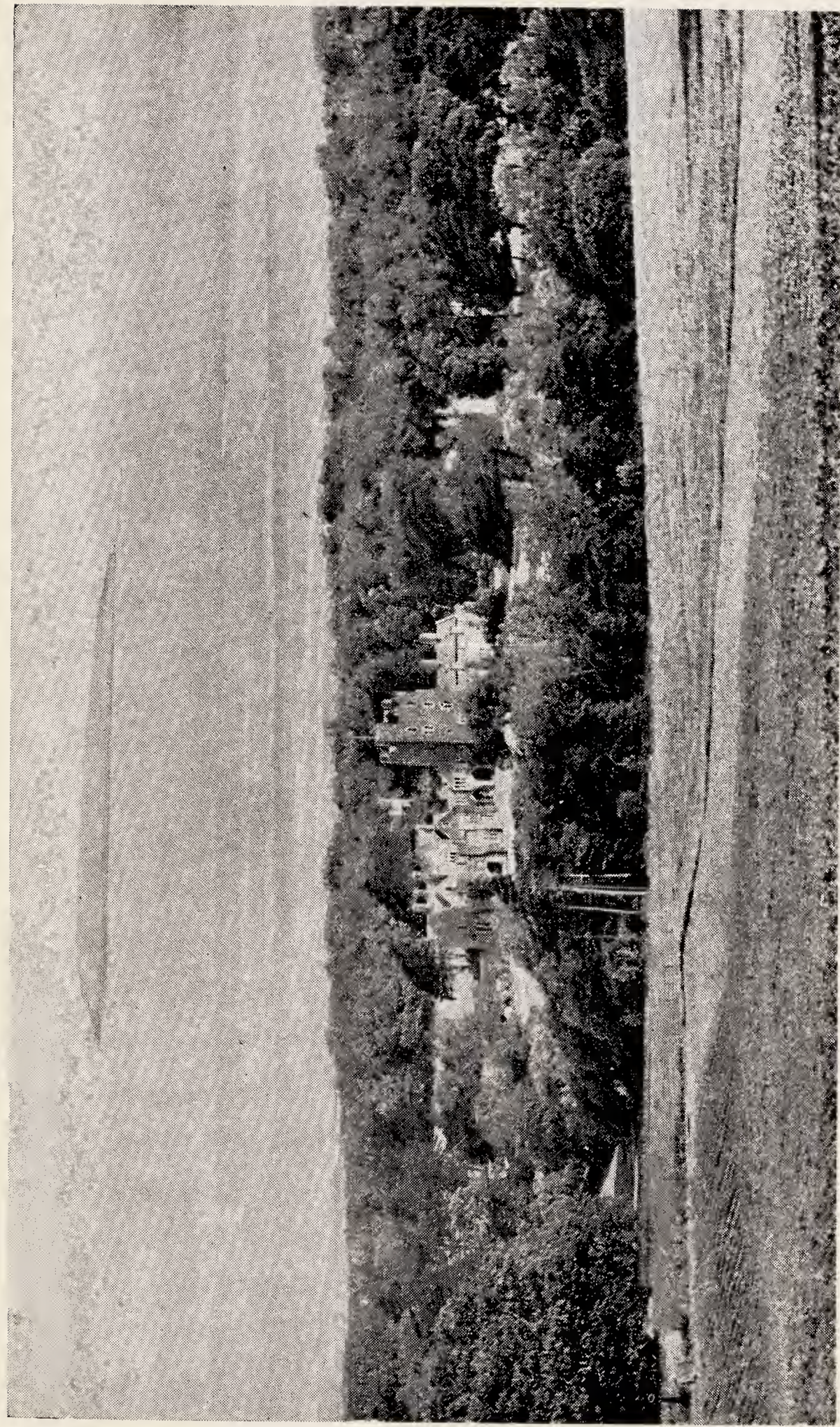
Since the last visit (September 1st, 1954) 272 patients have been discharged or transferred and 312 have been admitted, and 15 men and 23 women have died. The majority of the deaths occurred amongst elderly patients. No inquests have been held.

Seven casualties are recorded : all were fractures due to accidental falls. None calls for special comment.

The general physical health during the period under review has been good and the hospital is at present free from intestinal infections.

All wards and dormitories are very clean and well kept. They are well furnished, suitably decorated and very comfortable.

Since the last visit, hand basins have been installed in both Ladies' House and in the Farm House bedrooms. Additional basins are being installed in the bedrooms in Wards 1 on both the ladies' and gentlemen's side of the main hospital. Routine redecorations continue to be carried out.



BRYN-Y-NEUADD HALL, LLANFAIRFECHAN

The arrangements for amusements and recreation are good, and the pleasant, well kept grounds afford every opportunity for the ambulant patients to enjoy outside exercise in most pleasing surroundings.

The occupational therapy departments are well organized and are doing most useful work. There are five occupational therapists employed here.

The nursing staff consists of 78 men and 101 women wholetime, with 3 part-time female nurses. Of these, 59 men and 20 women are certificated or registered mental nurses.

The medical staff consists of Dr. Thomas Tennent, Medical Superintendent ; Dr. D. J. O'Connell, Deputy Superintendent ; Dr. T. McLardy, Dr. H. de B. Warren, Dr. J. B. Jeffries, Dr. I. E. J. McLauchlan, Dr. A. L. G. Smith and Dr. P. Hays.

During the visit, I was accompanied by Dr. O'Connell. To him and to the other members of the staff I wish to express my thanks for the assistance given me.

J. FRASER M. CAMPBELL,

Commissioner of the Board of Control.

SECOND VISIT

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL,
NORTHAMPTON.

August 31st, 1955.

At my visit to this Registered Hospital, the second of the year, the names of 551 (222 gentlemen and 329 ladies) were upon the books. A great number of these were away, mostly men, at St. Andrew's branch in North Wales. There were in residence, in fact, at St. Andrew's, 459 (147 gentlemen and 312 ladies).

During the course of my visit I received every assistance from Dr. O'Connell, from other members of the medical staff and heads of departments. Dr. Tennent, the Medical Superintendent, had to be away in London.

Dr. Tennent has Dr. O'Connell as his deputy, and the remainder of his staff consists of Dr. T. McLardy, Dr. H. Warren, Dr. J. Jeffries, Dr. I. McLauchlan, Dr. P. Hays and Dr. A. L. G. Smith. This hospital has quite a high turnover of patients per annum, and during the period under review, which is since April 20th last, there have been 174 (64 gentlemen and 110 ladies) direct admissions. A large proportion of these were received either under the provisions of Sections 1 or 5 of the Mental Treatment Act (1930), as 29 patients only were admitted under certificates.

With the high admission rate and the number of chronic patients in residence, 340 under certificates, it can be seen that a great deal of work descends upon the medical staff and nursing staffs. All forms of modern treatment are available, and patients are not only admitted to Wantage House but also to a ward on each side of the main building.

Mr. Thomson, the Chief Male Nurse, unfortunately died last year ; he served this hospital loyally for forty years and was popular both with patients and staff. Mr. Cossins, who was Deputy Chief Male Nurse, is now the Chief Male Nurse. The male nursing staff, excluding administrative ones, numbers 76. Miss Skene, the Matron, has a nursing staff of 101, likewise excluding administrative and departmental staff. The numbers of both male and female nursing staffs remain approximately what they were in September of last year. In aid of recruitment of nurses, a number of candidates have been enrolled from various parts of the world, including Jamaica and Nigeria.

During the period under review there have been 18 (5 gentlemen and 13 ladies) deaths. All were due to natural causes and call for no special comment, except to say that practically all of the people who died were well above sixty and some of them in the nineties. There have been very few casualties and all were accidentally sustained.

The general health of the patients has been exceptionally good ; there has been no outbreak of any form of infectious disease.

Steps are taken in many directions to maintain the high level of comfort and decoration throughout the hospital and its various villas. Redecoration continues, as also does the installation of basins with hot and cold running water in various rooms and parts of the hospital. The hospital is anticipating the renewal of its boiler plant and steam distribution system. This will undoubtedly take a few years to complete and is an item of major financial expenditure.

Throughout my visit I found the patients particularly quiet and contented ; that is, of course, always excepting those who through their condition of mind were excited or in a manic phase, or suffering from delusions or hallucinations. The relationship existing between patients and staff is particularly good, when bearing in mind the very large number of acute psychotic patients who are in residence.

The various rooms, whether they be dormitories or otherwise, are well kept, clean and comfortable. Every effort is being made to make the lives of patients happy and contented. Television is now in the process of being installed in other wards, such as those which house the more turbulent type of patient, on both sides of the hospital.

I received no complaints except those on the score of detention, and conversely I received many words of appreciation of the care and treatment from a number of patients. Some interviews were requested and given, but no private interviews were requested.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my thanks for the assistance given to me throughout my visit and for the arrangements made for me during it.

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At my visit to this branch of St. Andrew's Hospital 60 ladies and 25 gentlemen were in residence, 14 of the former and 4 of the latter are on a voluntary basis.

The house, villas and gardens are in their usual good and attractive state. It may be that some five single rooms in the lower division might be made more comfortable if some form of heating was introduced into the corridor which adjoins them.

Throughout the course of my visit, I was given every assistance by Dr. Mackay. He informed me that he proposes to retire in the very near future. Miss Cole, the Matron, died recently. It is with regret that I have to record this, as she was particularly popular, and served this branch loyally for a number of years. Mrs. Meredith, however, has been appointed Acting Matron, and she gave me every help, as did her husband, Mr. Meredith, the Chief Male Nurse. The nursing staff consists of 17 female nurses and 8 male nurses.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I found the large majority of the patients appreciative of the kindly care and treatment of which they are in receipt. Classes in occupation are held daily, and good attention is paid to both indoor and out-of-door games and recreation.

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